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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Graham

SUBJECT : Secure Video Communications, Need for Community-wide Approach

1. Attachment 1 is a proposal by Director, NPIC to establish an interagency study group to identify requirements for video transmission of imagery and imagery-related data. This action reflects recognition of the need for rapid dissemination of these processed materials derived from future overhead collection.

2. Attachment 2 is a memorandum from Director, NSA that concurs in the need for a "real time" video communications system, but objecting to NPIC sponsorship on the ground that a community approach, taking account of all sensors, is needed. Director, NSA proposes this task be assigned to the USIB Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC).

3. Attachment 3 is the Executive Summary of a staff study which I am now writing on this subject. While not seeking to stop or undermine the NPIC proposal, my conclusion is that this is, in fact, a complex community-wide issue that should be investigated for the DCI and USIB by a community-wide mechanism. The IHC is experienced and capable of conducting this effort. My proposal, in effect, calls for the problem to be placed before USIB for overall guidance to the community and for specific instructions to IHC.

4. I have been advised this morning that Director, NPIC is calling an initial meeting of the interagency group for Wednesday morning, 23 January 1974 at NPIC. Having been invited in the initial NPIC proposal, I intend to attend unless instructed otherwise.

5. Guidance is requested.



Acting Chairman
Intelligence Information Handling Committee

Attachments (3)



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